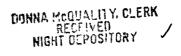
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI

STATE OF ARIZONA,) Case No. P1300CR201600476	
Plaintiff,)) MOTION TO WITHDRAW AND	
vs.) SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL)	
ANTHONY JAMES RICHARDS)) Tina R. Ainley) Superior Court Division 3	
Defendant.)	
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Counsel undersigned moves the Court to withdraw from further representation in this cause number. Counsel avows a conflict exists which prevents further representation of this client in this case. Counsel asks the Court rule on the pleading without waiting for a response from the Government in order to expedite the appointment of new counsel.¹ Counsel's avowal of a conflict of interest is sufficient for the Court to allow withdrawal.²

Arrangements have been made by the Contract Administrator to reassign this matter to Attorney, Craig Williams, 3861 North Robert Road, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 (928) 759-0000. Accordingly, undersigned Counsel moves to withdraw as counsel of record in this cause number, and asks the Court to recognize Mr. Williams as substitute counsel. Mr. Williams is aware of all

¹ Pursuant to *Knapp v. Hardy*, once "indigency is determined the county attorney has no standing to object as to who will or will not represent the defendant or be associated as counsel." 111 Ariz. 107, 112 (1974).

² See, State v. Coven, an attorney's, "statement that professional considerations require termination of the representation ordinarily should be accepted as sufficient." 340 P.3d 1101 (App. 2015).

pending court dates.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26 day of April, 2017

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Deputy Public Defender Attorney for Defendant Damon A. Rossi

Deputy Public Defender Attorney for Defendant

Original of the foregoing filed this 27 day of April, 2017, with:

Clerk of the Court Yavapai County Superior Court

Copy of the foregoing emailed this 21 day of April, 2017, to:

Honorable Tina R. Ainley Judge of Superior Court

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